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STEEL PRODUCTION PROGRAM ADVANCES

MCSCOW PLANT WORKS EFFICIENTLY -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 126, 31 May 49

Workers of the Moscow "Stankolit" Plant have released 1,669,000 rubles from their working capital instead of the 800,000 which they had pledged. In 4 months time they saved 382 tons of metal.

URAL METALLURGISTS ACHIEVE SUCCESS -- Pravda, No 159, 8 Jun 49

Ferrous metallurgists are increasing production. The two largest Ural enterprises, the Magnitogorsk Metallurgical Combine and the Chelyabinsk Metallurgical Plant, have completed the 5-month program for the entire production cycle. Production of coke, pig iron, steel, and rolled iron has increased considerably over 1948.

Since the beginning of 1949, Magnitogorsk steel workers have made more than 700 high-speed melts. Two operators of the third open-hearth furnace shop recently delivered more than 100 tons of metal above the plan in two high-speed melts. During May, a steel worker of the large-capacity furnace of the first open-hearth furnace shop smelted more than 400 tons of high-grade steel above plan.

In May, outstanding metallurgists of Zlatoust achieved new records in smelting steel and in the production of rolled iron. Workers in the blooming mill recently rolled 226 tons of metal above plan per 24 hours. Operators of rolling mills "400," No 1, and "260" turned out as much as 200 tons of rolled iron above the plan on some days.

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RUSTAVI MAY PRODUCE STEEL IN 1949 -- Zarya Vostoka, No 101, 26 May 49

Constructors of the Rustavi Metallurgical Plant, Georgian SSR, are striving to complete the construction work necessary for the production of steel in 1949. Completion depends primarily on increasing the tempo of work on the first open-hearth furnaces and the blooming mill.

CONCENTRATING PLANT TO BEGIN OUTPUT -- Kommunist, No 101, 26 May 49

The Chiatura Central Concentrating Plant is one of the most important construction projects in Georgia this year. Completion of this plant is of the greatest significance to the further development of the Chiatura manganese industry. The first unit of this plant is scheduled to begin operations this summer. This task will be attained only if the Transcaucasus Metallurgical Enterprise Construction Trust devotes more attention to this project.

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